

State Education Tax (Summer Property Tax) Information

Payment Information

Make Checks Payable to: “State of Michigan”

Mail Payments to:

Michigan Department of Treasury, SET
P.O. Box 40728
Lansing, MI 48909

PAYMENT REMINDERS

- ☐ Make check/money order payable to the State of Michigan
- ☐ Review payment information with your mortgage company, if you have an escrow account
- ☐ Do not include cash or coins
- ☐ Write your parcel number on your check/money order
- ☐ Include only one parcel number per check/money order
- ☐ Write check/money order for total correct amount
- ☐ Mail to P.O. Box address at the top of this page. Only the U.S. Postal Service allows overnight delivery to a P.O. Box.

ESCROW INFORMATION

If you have an escrow account, coordinate payment with your mortgage company. Each bill has a note at the top and is identified as an “original” or “informational copy.” If you received an original bill and you have an escrow, you may need to mail a copy of the bill to your mortgage company. As the property owner, you are liable for the tax payment.

SCHEDULE

Once the Department receives a check, it may take up to 10 days to process.

September 14 – The Michigan Department of Treasury must receive your Summer Property Tax payment by this date or late interest charges will apply. The Department will not honor a postage mark; therefore, mailing your payment on the due date will result in additional interest due.

All property tax bills include a mandatory administrative fee equal to 1% of the base tax amount. If the Department receives a payment **AFTER** September 14, a late interest charge is added to the base tax amount at 1% per month. For example, a bill with a base tax amount of \$100 would incur a \$1 charge for the 1% mandatory administrative fee. If the Department received the payment for this bill in November, the base tax would incur a 3% late interest charge. So the total amount due would be \$104 ($\$100 \times 3\% + \$1 = \104).

September 15-30: 1%

December: 4%

October: 2%

January: 5%

November: 3%

February: 6%

Payment of a deferred summer tax bill must be received no later than **February 14, 2006**. Any real property payment amount still owed after February 28, 2006, which includes any late interest charged owed, will be turned over delinquent to your county treasurer for collection.

SET Web Database Instructions

Select the following Web page - www.michigan.gov/set

- ◆ To login, click on the link above and type in this information: **User Name: statemi; Password: mi91304**
- ◆ Select your county from the drop down menu.
- ◆ Click “parcel” from the list on the left side of the page and then type in the parcel number.
- ◆ Click “search” – and then click on the blue highlighted parcel number.
- ◆ A legal description of the parcel will appear. Click on the left side of the page on the last item “tax” for the tax amount due.
- ◆ Click on the “printer friendly version” in the upper right corner to print the tax page.

For more information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), go to www.michigan.gov/set.

GENERAL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

Refunds for Overpayments: Any overpayments will be returned to the owner of the property. Note that most refunds will not be processed until late December 2005.

Underpayments: Pay careful attention to confirm that your check matches the total amount due for the bill. For payments that are not correct, **Treasury will either return the check to the sender (which may result in additional interest charges) or send a second bill for the amount yet due.**

Receipts: Treasury will not mail payment receipts. Your cashed check serves as proof of payment. If you need a copy of a receipt for tax records, you or your accountant may print a copy from Treasury's Web site at www.michigan.gov/set.

Winter Property Taxes: Your city or township is still collecting winter property taxes. You will need to contact your local treasurer directly for any information relating to your winter taxes.

NEW THIS SUMMER – COUNTY OPERATING MILLS SHIFT FROM WINTER TAXES

Public Act 357 of 2004 shifts the county operational mills to a summer tax collection. You will notice on your bill a break out of 1/3 of the county operational mills that are collected this summer. You will still pay 2/3 of the county operational mills as part of your 2005 winter tax bill. Next summer you will be billed 2/3 in the summer and 1/3 in the winter, and for the summer of 2007, the full amount of the county operational mills will be part of the summer property tax bill. P.A. 357 requires that the treasurer that collects the state education tax shall collect the summer county mill levy.

Your bill is based on the local assessor's determination of taxable value for your property. You should receive one bill per parcel, and **the amount is due no later than September 14, 2005.** Public Act 244 of 2002 requires an assessment of 6 mills for the State Education Tax (SET) to every property owner in Michigan as part of the summer property tax collection. The Public Act also allows the Michigan Department of Treasury to collect the SET for local units of government that decline to collect independently. Both your local unit of government and your county decided to opt out of collecting the SET for the summer of 2005. All summer taxes include a legally required 1% administration fee.

Defer Payment of Summer Property Tax

An owner of eligible property may file a completed summer property tax deferment form with his or her city or township treasurer until September 15, 2005. A valid deferment permits summer property taxes to be paid on or before February 14, 2006 without any additional interest charges.

Contact Information

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Eligible Property for Property Tax Deferment

Taxpayers may defer their summer SET if they meet the following criteria:

- 1) Homestead property owned by a taxpayer who:
 - ♦ Has a total household income of \$25,000 or less and;
 - ♦ is totally and permanently disabled, blind, paraplegic, quadriplegic; or;
 - ♦ an eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, or eligible widow or widower; or;
 - ♦ is at least 62 years old.
- 2) Agricultural real property, if the gross receipts of the agricultural or horticultural operations in the previous year, or the average gross receipts of the operations in the previous three years, are not less than the total household income of the owner in the previous year.

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